I benefit from the traffic and weather stations provided by XM Radio. I decided to pay for XM radio because they have the most selection and better radio than the "free" stations that are out there. I travel between NY and NJ by car every day down the Thruway and there is not one station that carries traffic updates on my commute. Even the Thruway authority advisory statiobns (1510AM and 540AM, I think) never cover any of the accidents that happen unless they practically close down the streets. Let me give you an example. I was traveling from Parsippany, NJ to Beacon, NY down rte 287 and was stuck in traffic. I immediately turned to a local radio station and was not hearing why I was stuck in traffic. I tuned to XM211, tri state area traffic, and almost immediately they mentioned the accident and I was able to determine that it was only a mile ahead so I did not need to find an alternate route home. XM traffic and weather is THE BEST of traffic and weather reports that I have found here and I would be extremely upset and bothered to be without it. I am paying for this service and I deserve to be able to listen to it. If local radio stations cared about their listeners, provided uninterupted music, a great choice of music, as well as traffic and weather...hey you'd have a case, however, that is not the case. XM ALL THE WAY!!!